

ROESCH RECEIVED THE CASE

-HE SAYS MRS. THUROW WAS HIS CLIENT-HE
COULD NOT AT FIRST RECALL WHETHER
BALLARD SMITH OR COLONEL COCKER-
ILL HAD ACCUSED HIM OF ACCEPTING
A BRIBE FROM EUGENE WOOD-
OTHER WITNESSES.

Village Senate and the Tammany Hall Committee, insisted yesterday on being allowed to reply before the Lexow Committee to the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thurogood that they gave him \$100 so that the police should not close their disorderly house. He seemed much gratified that this privilege should be given to him, but before he left the witness-stand he found that a pit had been dug for him. When he finished his testimony he stood before the community in the sorriest light in which any Tammany official has been placed for many a day. John W. Goff had carefully prepared himself to examine the Civil Justice, and he gave Roesch perhaps the worst three hours of his life.

The examination showed Mr. Goff at his very best. To begin with he had a mass of facts in his possession from which he drew his questions. Then he was keen and quick, and his sarcasm was withering. Justice Roesch, on the other hand, made a shockingly bad impression. He was seldom ingenuous, and half his replies were evasive. He calmly tried to reconcile the most amazing contradictions. On Monday night he indignantly told reporters that "there was absolutely no conversation between us about \$100. I never had such a woman as a client in my life." Yesterday he admitted that he had been correctly quoted, but made the astounding avowal that not only had the woman spoken to him about the \$100, but she had given it to him. He persisted in declaring it was a fee for legal services, although he never drew up a paper for her or appeared for her in court.

One would have to read the stenographer's

minutes to understand how irresponsible and shifting Roesch's replies were. He was asked if he had not, while a Senator, been accused by Colonel John A. Cockerill and Ballard Smith of accepting a bribe of \$2,500 from Eugene Wood, an Albany lobbyist. Did he indignantly deny it? No. He hemmed and hawed and said he couldn't recall; he had been in public life so long—a long one until Mr. Goff and Senator O'Connor fairly smothered him down so that he could not even squirm. Then he said that he had not been thus accused. Evidently the Bar Association made no mistake when it blackballed him.

Messrs. Goff, Jerome and Moss brought out other testimony, some of it conclusive in itself, and some leading to other important disclosures. The subject of blackmail by the police of liquor sellers was mentioned, and the names were given of half a dozen persons who had admitted paying for protection to their "cafés."

Not to be too partial, Mr. Goff called one witness who got out the police's good character. This was Mr. Gombosi, who has been known for years as the keeper of one of the worst "dives" in the city. There was a fine sarcasm in his statement that he had never paid a dollar to a police officer.

The committee will sit to-day.

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COL. COCKERILL DOESN'T RECOLLECT IF HE SAYS HE CANNOT REMEMBER HEARING A CONFESSION FROM EX-SENATOR ROESCH—NO TRADITIONS OF IT IN "THE WORLD" OFFICE.

At the office of "The Morning Advertiser" last night Colonel John A. Cockerill had this to say about John W. Goff's insinuation that George F. Roesch, when Senator, had admitted to him, Colonel Cockerill, that he had accepted a bribe at Albany:

"I cannot recall the instance to which Mr. Goff refers at all. I cannot recall Judge Roesch ever

admission of the fact," said the man, "but I could remember this incident. I haven't the slightest recollection of it."

"Colonel," said the man, "I am sure you will not mind my saying,"

"Yes," said the man, "I read that interesting bit of testimony in the afternoon papers. It was all new to me. I never saw any instance of it occur, but I was before my time. Nor do I find current in the official traditions of any such affair. I have made a search, but I have never seen any such thing. I have never seen one who ever heard of such a thing. That does not, of course, prove that the incident did not occur."

Ballard Smith, who was also mentioned as having heard the admission from ex-Senator Roersch, is a London.

CAPTAIN PRICE WILLING TO APPEAR

HE DENIES THAT HE INTENDS TO RESIGN—TRIP TO EUROPE THAT HE HAS POSTPONED.

Captain James K. Price was on duty at Police Headquarters last night, and when asked concerning the report that he intended to retire from the force in the immediate future, said: "It is a lot from beginning to end, and is the work of some hidden enemy. I shall retire only when old age overtakes me."

"Are you willing to appear before the Lexow Committee?" asked a reporter.

"Not only willing, but glad to do so," was the captain's reply. "I have been ready to appear ever since the appointment of the committee, and have twice postponed a contemplated trip to Europe in order to be on hand when wanted."

MR. McCLAVE ABLE TO LEAVE HIS BEDROOM.

Police Commissioner McClave still continues to improve, although he is weak from lack of sleep and inability to take any great amount of nourishment. By John S. Jones, said that he is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances, and that he does not apprehend any serious results from his present condition. He was able to leave his bed a short time yesterday.

THE BRIDEROOM CAME NOT.

UNHAPPY ENDING OF AN EXPECTED MARRIAGE.

AT WHITE PLAINS—THE BRIDE FAINTS

AND IS PROSTRATED.

Miss Minnie Griffiths, the second daughter of

Twenty-eight years old, was to be married on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at her home, to Samuel Roberts, an employee of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, of this city. Mr. Roberts had been attentive to Miss Griffiths for the last five years and was looked upon by Miss Griffiths' neighbors as her future husband. The day of the marriage was fixed for Monday last, but, owing to illness made a postponement until Wednesday evening necessary. Accordingly, everything was arranged for the wedding of that evening. The guests were called in to prepare a wedding breakfast, a few intimate acquaintances were invited, and at the appointed hour, the Rev. J. H. Archdeacon of Westchester County, was present at the bride's home to perform the ceremony. But the bridegroom failed to appear or send a representative, and in his absence, the bride, dressed in a travelling costume and accompanied gayly with her friends while awaiting the

To add to the embarrassment of the village, the lady began to have a charivari in front of the bride's home, and she would not get away until repeated requests had been made. She would not make the expected bride's father. Much indignation was expressed by Miss Griffith's friends yesterday against Roberts because of his unexplained treatment of his bride, who is a popular young woman in the village. For a number of years she has been head clerk in Albion's Bazaar. In Railroad Avenue, White Plains, one of the leading business

President of the Central Bank of the city. Later on she was employed at the store of B. Altman & Co., this city. The young woman is prostrated and was under a physician's care yesterday. Late yesterday afternoon her brother, Thomas, a butcher, left White Plains for New-York in search of Roberts. Roberts lives during the summer at Mount Vernon, but could not be found there yesterday.